

SENATE CHAMBER,  
AUSTIN, TEXAS, Saturday, July 2, 1870.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment; President Don Campbell presiding. Roll called; quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Reports of Committee on Claims and Accounts:

COMMITTEE ROOM,  
Austin, July 2, 1870.

Hon. DON CAMPBELL,

President of Senate:

Your Committee on Claims and Accounts, to whom was referred the petition of F. H. Arlet for relief, have had the same under consideration, and report that it is inexpedient to grant the relief prayed for, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

HENRY RAWSON,  
Chairman.

Laid over under the rules.

COMMITTEE ROOM,  
July 2, 1870.

Hon. DON CAMPBELL,

President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Claims and Accounts, to whom was referred the petition of Alford S. Thurman for relief, have had the same under consideration, and report that we think him not entitled to relief, and report back his petition and accompanying bill, and recommend that the same be rejected.

HENRY RAWSON,  
Chairman.

Laid over under the rules.

COMMITTEE ROOM,  
July 2, 1870.

The Hon. DON CAMPBELL,

President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Claims and Accounts, to whom was referred

the petition of Charles D. Lytle for relief, have had the same under consideration, and report that we think him not entitled to relief, and report back his petition and accompanying bill, and recommend that the same be rejected.

HENRY RAWSON,  
Chairman.

Laid over under the rules.

Special message from the Governor, by his private Secretary.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,  
Austin, Texas, July 2, 1870.

To the Honorable Senate of the State of Texas :

GENTLEMEN : I respectfully ask your advice and consent to the following appointment, to-wit : James Davidson, for Adjutant General of State, with the rank of Colonel.

Respectfully,

EDMUND J. DAVIS,  
Governor.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,  
Austin, Texas, July 2, 1870.

To the Honorable Senate of the State of Texas :

GENTLEMEN : I respectfully ask your advice and consent to the following appointment, to-wit : Wesley Ogden, for Judge of the Supreme Court of the State.

Respectfully,

EDMUND J. DAVIS,  
Governor.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,  
Austin, Texas, July 2, 1870.

To the Honorable Senate of the State of Texas :

GENTLEMEN : I respectfully ask your advice and consent to the following appointment, to-wit : William Alexander, for Judge of Supreme Court of State.

Respectfully,

EDMUND J. DAVIS,  
Governor.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,  
Austin, Texas, July 2, 1870.

To the Honorable Senate of the State of Texas :

GENTLEMEN : I respectfully ask your advice and consent to the

following appointment, to-wit: Leon A. Matile, for Paymaster State forces.

Respectfully,

EDMUND J. DAVIS, . . .  
Governor.

Referred to Committee on nominations and made the special order for Tuesday at 11 A. M.

Report of Committee on Engrossed Bills:

COMMITTEE ROOM,  
Austin, July 2, 1870.

The Hon. DON CAMPBELL,

President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, having examined and compared Senate bill No. 46, to repeal "An Act approved January 14, 1860, entitled 'An Act to authorize and require the clerks of the district courts of Cherokee, Smith, Anderson, Panola and Angelina counties to apportion the causes on the docket of said courts in words and figures as follows;'" and Senate bill No. 2, "to incorporate the Jefferson and Shreveport Railroad Company; to provide the ways and means for constructing and maintaining their road; and to authorize the sale of said road, and the acquisition by the company of other road or roads," find the same to be correctly engrossed.

G. T. RUBY,  
P. W. HALL.

Adopted.

Senator Parsons offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate be required to give Milton Baker a certificate for the three first days in June, as Sergeant-at-Arms, at \$8 per diem.

Senator Mills moved its reference to the Committee on Finance. Carried.

On motion of Senator Mills the report of the Finance Committee, on the matter of the heirs of Rogers, was recommitted to said committee.

Under direction of the President the Secretary carried to the House Senate bill No. 46, "An Act to repeal an act approved January 14, 1860, entitled 'An Act to authorize and require the clerks of the district courts of Cherokee, Smith, Anderson, Panola and Angelina counties to apportion the causes on the dockets of said courts in words and figures.'"

Also, Senate bill No. 2, "An Act to incorporate the Jefferson and Shreveport Railroad Company."

Also, House bill No. 54, "An Act for the relief of the East

Texas Agricultural and Mechanical Association," enrolled and signed.

On motion of Senator Ruby the rules were suspended to take from file House bill No. 17, entitled "An Act to incorporate the Jewish congregation 'B'nai Israel,' of Galveston, Texas."

Read first time. Rules suspended; read second time.

The hour having arrived for the consideration of the special order, House bill No. 115, "An Act to provide for the registration of voters," the Senate went into a committee of the whole.

#### IN SENATE.

[President Don. Campbell in the chair.]

Senator Ruby, Chairman of Committee of the Whole, reported House bill No. 115, and recommended its passage with the following amendments:

Amend section fifteen, line six, after the word "registered" insert "and enter the names of such as they may consider improperly refused registration, and those who were unable to appear before the registrar on the registration list."

Amend section twenty-three, line four, strike out the words "registered or." Line eighth, strike out after the word "person" the words "against whom process is served," and insert, "who applies for the process in the first instance, and finally by the unsuccessful contestant."

Strike out sections thirty-nine and forty.

Section forty-one, strike out "forty-one" and insert "thirty-nine."

Section forty-two, strike out "forty-two" and insert "forty."

On motion of Senator Fountain the report of the committee was received and adopted.

Senator Pettit moved to refer House bill 115 to Committee on Judiciary. Lost.

On motion of Senator Fountain the rules were suspended, bill read third time and passed.

Senator Ruby offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That when this Senate adjourns it adjourn to Tuesday morning at the usual hour, in order that a due observance of the anniversary of our national independence may be had.

Adopted.

On motion of Senator Parsons the rules were suspended and Senate bill No. 16, "An Act to incorporate the Germania Savings, Trust and Exchange Company," read third time and passed.

Yeas—Mr. President, Baker, Bell, Cole, Evans, Ford, Fountain, Gaines, Hall, Hertzberg, Mills, Parsons, Pettit, Pickett, Priest, Pridgen, Pyle, Rawson, Ruby, Saylor—20.

Absent—Senator Shannon.

Under arrest, not voting—Bowers, Broughton, Clark, Dohoney, Douglas, Flanagan, Latimer—7.

Senator Mills offered the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That whereas Lev. Willson, porter in Senate, died while acting as porter in Senate, and that there is at present due him, for service in Senate, seventy-two dollars; therefore,

*Be it resolved*, That a treasury warrant be ordered, payable to C. L. Abbott, and that he forward the same to widow of said Willson, now living at Hempstead, Austin county, Texas.

On motion of Senator Priest resolution was referred to Committee on Contingent Expenses.

On motion of Senator Baker Senate adjourned to Tuesday.